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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO MAY 19, 1997 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action—issued May 19, 1997 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the May 19, 1997 Office Action is due August 19, 1997, therefore this Amendment is being timely filed.

Applicants request that the following amendments be made in the above-identified application:

## In the Specification:

Page 1, after the title and before the Background of the Invention, please insert the following sentence: --This is a continuation of copending V.S. Application No. 08/421,079, filed April 13, 1995.--

Page 3, line 20, after "the cathode", insert -- (labeled as AK) --.

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